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In the Non-Final Office Action mailed on August 27, 2003, the Examiner reviewed claims 1, 6-10, 13-17 and 19-21. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a), these claims were rejected over *Leliaert* in view of either *Lefkowitz, et al.* or *Giacovas*. Applicant has amended its claims and further cancelled claims 1, 9 and 20. For the reasons stated below, the remaining claims, claims 6-8, 10-17, 19 and 21, are in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended claim 21 to include features not shown by the cited references. Specifically, claim 21 requires a filter housing comprising "a first sealing member and a second sealing member" wherein the support members are "sandwiched between said first sealing member and said second sealing member." This feature is illustrated by Figure 4 of the application. Because the prior art does not teach each of these limitations as well as the other limitations of claim 21, claim 21 and its dependents, claims 6-8, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 6 and 13 also require "said filter paper comprises a low restriction filter paper." This feature is not disclosed by any of the references. Therefore, claim 6 and 13 are in condition for allowance for this additional reason.

Claim 7 and 14 require "said filter and said pleated filter support are operatively connected by welding." Again, this feature is not shown by any of the references. Therefore, claims 7 and 14 are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 10 requires "a vehicle flow body" and "a filter housing in communication with said vehicle flow body." Neither of these limitations are shown by

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the cited references. Therefore, claim 10 and its dependents, claims 13-16, are in condition for allowance.

Claim 17 and dependent claims 18-20 are also in condition for allowance. Once again, the combination of references cited by the Examiner are improper. Therefore, the Examiner should allow these claims.

Claim 19 also requires "the plurality of support members comprise a wire mesh." Again, this feature is not shown by the cited references. Claim 19 is in condition for allowance for this additional reason.

Accordingly, Applicant requests allowance of claims 6-8, 10-17, 19 and 21.

Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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